LITHUANIA EDGES PAST ESTONIA 1:0

TALLINN, Aug 16, (AP) - Lithuania edged out Estonia 1:0 in a Group 4 European soccer championship qualifier in Tallin Wednesday. Lithuania easily outplayed Estonia, but a stubborn defense by the home team in front of some 2,000 fans kept the game scoreless in the first half. Lithuania's winner came four minutes into the second half when striker Darius Maciulevicius drove the ball past Estonian goalkeeper Mart Poom from two meters out. With Wednesday's victory, Lithuania retains its third place position in Group 4, behind Croatia and Italy.

A NEW BREWERY APPEARS IN LITHUANIA

VILNIUS, Aug 17, BNS - Another beer manufacturer has appeared in Lithuania. The Stumbras Alcoholic Beverages Plant in Kaunas has begun brewing a beer under the trade name "Stumbras." The plant's directors say that the beer will be the Lithuanian equivalent of Czech Pilsner. The beer will be brewed with Czech equipment, says the newspaper Lietuvos Rytas, and even the ingredients used will come from the Czech Republic.

RUSSIANS BUYING UP USED LADA CARS IN LITHUANIA

VILNIUS, Aug 17, BNS - In June, 5,301 used Lada automobiles were removed from the traffic police register in Lithuania. Most of them were exported to countries of the CIS, reports the newspaper Lietuvos Rytas.

This is the second month of a massive exodus of Ladas for resale abroad. It began when rumors of an forthcoming increase in import taxes on automobiles started spreading in the CIS. Residents of these countries rushed off to Lithuania to buy Ladas. The newspaper reports that high prices are being offered even for 10- to 20-year-old cars. One customer cited the example of a Lada he had bought for 1800 USD including taxes in Lithuania and sold for 3200 USD in Russia.

LITHUANIAN BUDGETARY INCOME REACHES ALL-TIME HIGH IN JULY

VILNIUS, Aug 16, BNS - Lithuanian budgetary income amounted to over 535 million litas in July -- the highest amount taken in by the government since independence was declared in 1990. Up until this point, the record for budgetary income was May of this year when 524 million litas were collected. In June, however, income fell to 445 million litas.